

# COUNCIL'S CORNER



**October 5, 2020: City Council Actions & Updates**

To view the entire City Council Packet, visit our website [here](#).

## 2020 General Election Update

**In-Person Absentee Voting:** Absentee voting for the 2020 General Election began September 18, 2020 from 8:00am-4:00pm at City Hall (7701 CR 110 W.) In-person absentee voting hours will be Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm with the following exceptions:

- Saturday October 31, 2020-City Offices are open extended hours from 10:00am-3:00pm for the purpose of in person absentee voting
- Monday November 2, 2020- City Offices are open extended hours from 8:00am-5:00pm for the purpose of in person absentee voting.

**Reminder to early voters:** Hennepin County has sent out their largest mail out ever, so please remember if you've requested an absentee ballot already, be patient, it will arrive. Coming to vote early in person when you've already requested a mail-in ballot adds extra steps and extra time to the process. Please be patient with the election judges and staff.

**General Election:** The 2020 General Election is Tuesday November 3, 2020 from 7:00am- 8:00pm at your polling locations. To find your polling location [click here](#).

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character, while effectively managing growth.

## Planning and Land Use Updates

**Comprehensive Plan Amendment & Amending Official Zoning Map:** There was an application submitted to change future land use from Rural to Permanent Agriculture in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan (comp plan.) and change the zoning of 780 N Branch Rd from Agriculture to Agriculture Preservation. The requested Comp Plan amendment is in compliance with the goals and policies in the 2040 Comp Plan. The property meets the lot standards and size required by the Agriculture Preservation Zoning District.

A notice was published in The Laker and direct notices were sent to property owners within 500 feet of the property prior to public hearing. No formal written comments or concerns regarding this request were received. The City Council approved the requested Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the rezone request at 780 N Brand Rd.

**Riparian View Shed Setback Variance:** There was an application submitted for a riparian view shed setback variance to allow for the addition of a screen porch at 1340 Morningview Dr. The variance request is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the City ordinance, consistent with the Comp Plan, includes reasonable use of property, and would not alter the character of the locality. A notice was published in the Laker and sent to residents within 500 feet of the property and staff received one comment in opposition to this request. The Council approved the requested riparian view shed setback variance.

## Contact Your Council:

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## Mayor Whalen's Blog

Beginning in 2020, Mayor Whalen introduced the [Mayor's Blog](#) in an effort to increase communication between the City and its residents. She blogs about City issues that the Council have discussed and issues that may be of interest to you. To keep up to date on her blogs, please visit the City's

## 2020 Upcoming Dates

**October 27-November 2:** Direct balloting for the 2020 General Election at City Hall

**October 31:** City offices open from 10:00-3:00PM for in-person absentee voting

**November 2:** City offices open from 8:00-5:00PM for in-person absentee voting

**November 3:** 2020 General Election

**November 11:** City Offices closed- Veteran's Day Holiday

**November 26 & 27:** City Offices closed- Thanksgiving Holidays

## Delinquent Utilities & Land Use Services

Every year, property owners are notified by letter of delinquent amounts due to the City for utilities, land use fees, and special services fees. These unpaid amounts are certified to the County Assessors office for collections with the payable 2021 taxes. Some property owners have made payments since these notices were mailed this year. The City Council approved certifying the delinquent amounts to the County.

Visit the City's website for more information: [www.cityofminnetrista.com](http://www.cityofminnetrista.com)

